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8. NARCOTICS NOTES (UNCLAS)

CONSTRUCTION OF TREATMENT CENTER. A FOUNDATION LAYING CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED IN TAUNGGYI ON JULY 28 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL WARD TO TREAT NARCOTICS ADDICTS. REMARKS BY SHAN STATE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, U TUN YIN LAW, INCLUDED ASSERTION THAT REPLACEMENT OF POPPY PLANTS WITH OTHER CROPS IN SHAN STATE WOULD BE UNDER-TAKEN BY 1978.

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SEIZURES (UNCLAS)

A SWEEP BY POLICE IN THE MANDALAY TRAIN STATION ON JULY 30 NETTED OVER 8 KILOGRAMS OF RAW OPIUM, SEVERAL PACKETS OF HEROIN, AND THREE ARRESTS.

8. U.S. DEATH CASE (UNCLAS)

THE FIRST AMERICAN DEATH CASE HERE IN RECENT MEMORY OCCURRED IN RANGOON SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2 WHEN A DRILLING ENGINEER UNDER CONTRACT TO CITIES SERVICE DIED OF A HEARTH ATTACK. A FULL-SCALE, FIVE-HOUR INVESTIGATION BY POLICE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CONCLUDED THAT THE MAN WAS IN FACT DEAD, WHEREUPON THEREST OF THE BURMESE BUREAUCRACY SAUNTERED INTO ACTION. FORMALITIES WERE CONCLUDED WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6. BURMESE OFFICIALS WERE HELPFUL AND WELL-MEANING INDIVIDUALLY, BUT THE GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM CONTINUES TO BE PONDEROUS AT BEST. CITIES SERVICE, ON THE OTHER HAND, PERFORMED WELL IN ARRANGING TRANSPORT OF THE REMAINS TO THE U.S.

10. ANOTHER LASH VISIT (UNCLAS)

LIGHTER ABOARD SHIP (LASH) "GREEN HARBOUR" ARRIVED AT KYAUKPYU ON JULY 25 AND OFFLOADED 69 BARGES OF RELIEF RICE DESTINED FOR BANGLADESH. IT DEPARTED BURMA WITH EMPTY ZWRGEHBROUGHT ON THE PREVIOUS VISITS OF THE "GREEN ISLAND" AND "GREEN VALLEY" WHICH HAD CARRIED SIMILAR CARGO.

11. VOPB BEING JAMMED? (UNCLAS)

THE BCP CLANDESTINE RADIO VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF BURMA (VOPB) WHICH BROADCASTS IN BURMESE ON SHORTWAVE FOUR DAYS A WEEK HAS BEEN LARGEY UNINTELLIGIBLE FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS. MISSION COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL BELIEVE IT IS BEING DELIBERATELY JAMMED WITH INTERFERENCE, PRESUMABLY BY GUB.

COMMENT: THE VOPB AND ITS PROPAGANDA GOT A BIG BOOST IN PUBLICITY LAST JUNE WHEN GUB CITED ITS BROADCASTS TO SHOW BCP CONNECTION OF STUDENT LEADERS. AUTHORITIZE MAY HAVE DECIDED SUBSEQUENTLY TO BLOCK THIS SOURCE OF ANTI-REGIME COMMENTARY.

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